

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-15 as follows:

1. (currently amended) Method of transmission of chain of database managing messages between a management centre and a plurality of subscriber databases, each management message member of this chain comprising a chain header ~~(HD)~~, a chain identifier ~~(FM)~~ allowing the simultaneous transmission of several chains and a chain index ~~(FI)~~ allowing to identify the message in the chain, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein this method comprises the step of ~~it consists in~~ adding to each message a conditional block ~~(CD)~~ which determines if this current message is to be processed without references to all or part of other messages member elements of the chain, and in the negative event, this conditional block comprises ~~or to be processed according to the conditions linked to the previous processing of all or part of other messages member elements of the chain.~~
2. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein ~~the conditional block comprises for at least one message of the chain if this message it consists in determining according to the conditional block (CD) if all or part of elements of the chain can, or must, or must not have been processed first.~~
3. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 1 or 2, ~~wherein characterized in that it comprises the step of it consists in~~ managing a table ~~to the heart of in~~ the subscriber database containing a ~~piece of an~~ information representing the processing state of each member element of the chain, and to update said table every time that a member ~~n element~~ of the chain is processed, and to ~~reset~~ start said table either on request of the managing centre, or after a predefined time.
4. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the subscriber database is ~~linked~~ connected to a subscriber unit and in that it comprises the step of ~~consists in~~ memorising the

management messages in a memory of the subscriber unit and to present them on request to the subscriber database.

5. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~wherein it comprises the step of ~~it consists in~~ memorising in series the incoming messages, each incoming message causing the increasing of a stack pointer of incoming messages, and to allow a direct access of the messages ~~asked~~ requested by ~~from the~~ subscriber database.

6. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the memory in the ~~it consists in using the memory of the subscriber unit~~ is configured ~~working as~~ a serial memory buffer having ~~in a~~ fixed length.

7. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~wherein it comprises the step of ~~it consists in~~ receiving in the subscriber database, a message member ~~element~~ of a chain, and to allocate in the subscriber unit, the memory necessary for receiving all the member ~~elements~~ of this chain.

8. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that it~~ wherein it comprises the step of requesting ~~consists, on request, to allow the composition by the subscriber module of a managing message describing its software and hardware resources and in sending said message, either to the~~ subscriber database ~~database (SM), or to the~~ management centre.

9. (currently amended) Method of transmission according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~wherein this request is transmitted, either by the management centre under the form of a management message, or by the subscriber database (SM) ~~under the form of an instruction by the I/O line~~.

10. (currently amended) Transmission system of chain of managing database messages, this system comprising a management centre and a plurality of

subscriber's unit, each unit comprising a subscriber database located in a security module, each message member of the chain comprising a header ~~(HD)~~, a chain identifier ~~(FM)~~ allowing the simultaneous transmission of several chains, and a chain index ~~(FI)~~ allowing to identify the message in the chain, ~~characterised in that~~wherein it includes a conditional block ~~(CD)~~ which determines if the message has to be processed without reference to all or part of the other messages member elements of the chain, and in the negative event, this conditional block comprises or to be processed according to conditions linked to the previous processing of all or part of messages member elements of the chain.

11. (currently amended) Transmission system of chain of messages according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~wherein -the conditional block ~~(CD)~~ and in the negative event, this conditional block comprises ~~contains~~ a condition determining if all or part of the messages member elements of the chain can, or must, or must not have been processed first.

12. (currently amended) Transmission system of chain of messages according to claims 10 and 11, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the security module ~~(SM)~~ includes a message manager ~~(GM)~~ able to store in a memory the state of the processing of each message of the chain, and that it includes comparison means of this state with the conditions mentioned in the conditional block ~~(CD)~~ of the message ~~in processing~~currently processed.

13. (currently amended) Transmission system of chain of messages according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the subscriber unit includes a memory ~~(M)~~ of messages, each incoming message causing the displacement of a input pointer the previous message in the memory ~~(M)~~, and ~~in that~~ the security module ~~(SM)~~ includes means to read and process these messages.

14. (currently amended) Transmission system of chain of messages according to claim 12~~0~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the subscriber unit ~~(STB)~~ includes a connection line ~~(H/O)~~ towards the security module ~~(SM)~~ and ~~that it~~

includes means to determine the size of the memory (~~M~~) according to the instructions received from the security module (~~SM~~), and to means to answer reply to the security module with the about the composition of ~~and the sending of~~ a managing message to ~~the security module (SM).~~

15. (currently amended) Transmission system of chain of messages according to claim 102, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the subscriber unit (~~STB~~) includes a selection module (SW) allowing to connect the separator of management messages (~~SEL~~), the processing ~~centre~~ center (~~CTR~~) of the subscriber module, the security module (~~SM~~) and the memory (~~M~~), and means to ~~recognise~~ recognize the management messages destined only to the processing ~~centre~~ center (~~CTR~~), and ~~switching forwarding~~ by the selection module (SW) these messages only towards the processing ~~centre~~ center (~~CTR~~).